

## STORIES OF THE TOWN

"The telephone is the cause of my trouble, and I sometimes think these 'phones, while they are a great invention, stir up an awful lot of misunderstandings and vexatious little affairs." Mr. W. Vance Martin looked pale and hollow-eyed, and his appearance did not belie his statement. Mr. Martin is a popular young bachelor who lives in a flat in the north part of Indianapolis. He is a young man of cultured taste and likes his comfort. His rooms are marvels of coziness and neatness. His couches are piled with the daintiest of cushions and his walls and mantels are covered with pictures and souvenirs. The faces of pretty girls, and short girls, and tall girls, and girls looking down from the mantels, and here and there is an easel which contains a stunning-looking photograph. A few months ago Mr. Martin had a New telephone placed in his apartments. There is an old 'phone in the flat which serves the general public. Unfortunately, Mr. Martin possessed the only private 'phone in the house. Being attached to a newspaper, he thought he needed a 'phone, and he put it there as a strict business proposition. He did not plan to use it there as a convenience to the inhabitants of the flat. Within a few weeks after the 'phone was put up Mr. Martin discovered that his apartments were becoming a popular place in his absence with the women of the flat. He always left his rooms open for the janitress to do her work, but he soon discovered that he was having other female callers. He also discovered that the telephone on the table was the particular attraction. He soon became the most popular man in the flat. The ladies gave him sweet smiles on all occasions and said it was "such a convenience to have a 'phone so handy." Sometimes Martin would drop in during the middle of the afternoon to take a nap, and when he did so he usually had to clear the room of femininity. The women got to meeting there mornings and afternoons to use the telephone, and, besides, they found his apartments an ideal place in which to spend an hour in harmless gossip. They made themselves comfortable while waiting for telephone calls and occasionally found it pleasant to criticize the photographs of his women acquaintances. Finally they got to telling their friends to call them up at such and such a number, which was Martin's telephone. At length this extremely polite and affable young bachelor grew weary. One afternoon he came home half sick and worn out and thought to get a half hour's rest before dinner. As he approached his door a young woman, stepping from a dark recess in the corridor where she had been doing sentinal duty, headed him off. "Please don't go in there," she whispered, pointing to his door. "Mrs. Blank is using your telephone, and—besides, she's in negligee." Being a polite and a gallant man, Mr. Martin waited outside his door for twenty minutes until his caller completed her talk over the 'phone. Then the sentry in the hall asked him if he would not please "step back somewhere," so that Mrs. Blank could get to her own room, for she was "really not presentable." This episode was the culminating one of a long list of annoyances which Mrs. Blank had caused Mr. Martin called "outrages," and he decided it was time to act. He concluded that one of two things must be done—either take out the 'phone or put up a sign. He decided to do the latter. The other morning a woman of the flat wearing a pink dressing sack tripped down the hall and dressed into Martin's apartments to use the 'phone. She straight up quite suddenly before a place of white paper pinned to the 'phone and bearing several lines of the man's bold scrawl. "Mr. Martin," the lines read, "would not take the liberty of entering the bedroom of any of his fellow-boarders in their absence. He asks that the SAME CONSIDERATION be shown to him." The woman in the dressing sack hesitated, read the words again and stalked out of the apartment. It is needless to relate that Mr. Vance Martin is no longer a social favorite in the flat, and, in fact, is not on speaking terms with any of the ladies. "So you see," he remarked, "I've been worried into this paler and this hollow-eyed appearance. It's all the telephone's fault."

"Speakin' of 'phones," interrupted Mr. Johnsing, a colored barber on East Washington street, as he sat on the step of his own shop, listening to the stories of the evening loungers that held down the rickety chairs along the sidewalk. "I've tasted a heap o' that devilish game in my 'periences. You gentlemen recollect—"

"Hold on, Johnsing," interposed a tall negro in the chair farthest from him, craning his neck between his knees, which were tilted higher than his head, "who's been speakin' 'bout wah, I'd like to know? Ain't none of these niggers said nothin' 'bout no devilish game of wah. Stick to fact, Johnsing. We ain't tellin' nothin' here but actual fact an' ain't that right?"

"Yes, 'tis, 'tis, indeed," chorused a number of the loungers; "Johnsing ain't never told a straight story yet."

Johnsing remained silent, his shiny face twitching and the white in his eyes almost fully disclosed while his black, beady eyes were set upon the cramped figure in the end chair. He was about to speak when the tall negro who had interrupted him, continued:

"Now sense the matiah of wah has been mentioned, I want to tell a little incident of my personal 'periences in the devilish game, as Johnsing calls it, which I was severely injured an' I thought the good Lord had called me home for shore. You'll all remember that I participated in the great battle and was among the foremost in the charge up San Wain hill. It was in the evening that we got the command from the general to charge them Spianards and so when night came we went slight up the hill just as easy as 'possums. Ole Sam Wells was next to me and we was again after the parson's chickens no two coons could have gone quieter than us. We was right up near the front, too, and we knowed that if they was any shootin' done from the forts we'd get it first. Suddenly Sam high scared me like like dis and whisperin' in my year—'Shoo! don't you hear somethin'?"

"I don't sactly remember of I heard anything or not, but I was so scared I reckoned I did and I says to Sam just so low like, 'Yes, I heard it, I been hearin' thet fer hours.'"

"Lie down," says Sam, and we both lied down so flat on thet hill thet nothin could have seen us. I ain't tell certain how long we was flattened out there, but in the course of an hour or so they was some of the awfulest shootin' carried on thet ever niggers heard. Sam an' I was still in the front, we calculated so, and we knowed it would be sartin death to get up, so we flattened out flatter 'an a leech there on the hill under a tree and never s much as whispered a word. Suddenly the bullets an' cannon balls begin comin' our way, an' we could hear 'em tearin' through the trees and routin' up the earth in great heaps. All at once I give a bigoller, for I knowed I was shot, surin' anything, right in the back twist the shoulder blades. Right away

I seen how it was. The bullet had hit a limb above me and responded an' struck me lyin' flat there on the ground right between the backbone. I thought of this an' a few 'other things an' then passed into unconsciousness just as I heard Sam sayin' 'Fer God's sake, Billy, ye ain't shot, is ye?' "When I woke up I was in the hospital lyin' in a soft bed between clean sheet an' they was a whole powerful gang round me, lookin' down at me 's if I was the missin' link o' humanity. Den one wise, sour-lookin' man says:

"The case beats anything I ever had. I can't understand it."

"Then I begun to get scared again an' asked 'em all what was the matiah."

"Yes, what's the matiah," they all says to once. "That's just what we'd like to know. They ain't nuthin' matiah with you all as we kin see," says they. "You just git up and see if you ain't all right."

"Then I got up an' walked around, an' shure 'nough, I was all right. I told 'em I was shot in the back, but they could find no signs of a wound nowhere, an' says it was all 'magination."

"It was Camp later when I found out fer shure what hed hit me. I met Sam again, an' he says when I told him of the strangeness of the accident that he knowed I wasn't shot 'tail, 'cause he seen it all by the light of the firing. 'Shucks,' he said, 'a bullet did go flyin' through the tree, but didn't no more glance than nuthin'. It just nipped a twig loose and thet twig off an' hit you on the back, that's what injured you.' So you see what a vivid 'magination kin do fer a nigger. There I was unconscious for two days 'cause I imagined I hed been shot."

Johnsing gave one long indignant look at the story teller as he finished, then rose from the steps and went into his shop. The others only laughed.

The transfer last week of the house and lot at 215 West Saint Clair street by Mr. J. W. Van Camp, a well-known negro dentist of this city is made interesting by a chain of unusual circumstances connected with a weeping willow in the yard at the rear of the house. It is a fairly well grown tree, visible from the alley that passes beside the lot, and is of most distinguished parentage.

There is, or was, many years ago, a weeping willow at the tomb of Napoleon at St. Helena, and while it was in the pristine vigor of youthful youth, the island was visited by E. B. ("Lucky") Baldwin, the millionaire California horseman. Baldwin was looking for a relic to take home to his California ranch, so he "swiped" a twig from the Napoleon willow, and on his return home, planted it on his ranch near Pasadena. The willow takes root easily and grows with freedom, and in the course of years Mr. Baldwin had a fine willow on his place, and the tree, "The Napoleon Willow," became one of the sights of the place. A few years ago Mr. Van Camp was in California and visited the Baldwin ranch. He heard the story of the Napoleon willow, and in turn "swiped" a twig, which in course of time he planted at the rear of his house on Saint Clair street, where he was then living. It took root readily, but came up in two long, slender twigs, which Mr. Van Camp twisted and tied together. They finally grew together and for many years the spiral formation was distinctly discernible in the bark, but that has now grown out.

So if there be those who have difficulty in their mastery of the French language, it may be that they can make a deal with the new owner of the West Saint Clair-street house to the end that they may sit beneath and draw inspiration from the grandchild of the Napoleon willow.

"The most jealous man I ever heard of lived in Morgan county a good many years ago," remarked D. P. Gray, an Eastern avenue contractor. "This man had a good looking young wife and they lived in a cabin on a little farm. One day he discovered that there was something in the house that made a ticking noise. It sounded like a watch, but as he had no watch, he could not understand the noise. Finally it dawned on him that his wife probably had a watch secreted somewhere and his next thought was that it had been given to her by some man. He questioned her and of course she indignantly denied the charge. This suspicion, however, grew on the man until a separation between him and his wife was almost brought about. One can imagine that he felt very foolish when it was discovered that the noise was made by an insect that often gets into old houses and at times keeps up a regular ticking."

Give the Sad World Your Sympathy.

The world has enough of your sighs and your moans. Lament that it's all going wrong. What the poor world needs is a cheery smile. A tender and heartfelt song. Its bruised, aching heart is breaking with grief. For the errors its own eyes can see. So, keeping your sighs and your cold, bitter moans. Give the sad world your sympathy. The world has enough of the critic's harsh tones. Its misdeeds have long for years Stricken deep to the heart of the world's struggling form. And has brought her to groans and to tears. What the world needs from you is a comforting word.

A tear that its deep misery: So, keeping your taunts and your words, anger-born. Give the sad world your sympathy. Bloomington, Ind. — Thomas Curtis Clark.

Will Contests.

Boston Advertiser. As things are, it is to be expected that when a rich man dies and leaves a will which his near relatives do not like, they are going to ask the courts to break that will. There are only two ways to prevent this. One is to have a high man to establish a trust before he dies, tying up the money so that no will is needed. Another way is to have a will which is so strong and so well drawn that it is impossible for a big insurance company, with all its legal aids and experts, to defend any reasonable will in the courts.

ELLA STRYKER MAPES

ELLA STRYKER MAPES is a well-known writer whose new work, "Because of Power," is full of vivid color and picturesque of American life.

ELLA STRYKER MAPES is a well-known writer whose new work, "Because of Power," is full of vivid color and picturesque of American life.

Members of Merchants' Association.  
Railroad Fares Rebated.

# The First Housekeepers' Sale

An Early Show and Special Selling of House Needs at a Saving of One-third

Not a woman who "keeps house," as the phrase is, but will be intensely interested in this novel and carefully planned sale. Whether it be a mansion or a cottage, a luxurious suite of apartments or a cozy little flat, here is a sale offering the very things to make that home more beautiful and more comfortable at prices that mean a very great saving. We have had it in mind for six months, this stupendous early movement of Fall Furnishings, and our buyers have planned and selected for it with rare skill and success. Orders for Fall Furniture were placed when factories were anxious to get them and the great saving in cost there goes to you. Carpet, Rug and Drapery contracts were made with manufacturers long before spring had opened and it is a matter of common knowledge how greatly these lines have and are advancing in cost. To be brief, we have bought wisely and saved on the average about a third of cost, and with this tremendous leverage to incite interest propose to make August a busy month. **TWO AND ONE-HALF ACRES COVERED WITH NEW FURNITURE.** Two warehouses overflowing with reserve stock and our entire furniture saleroom, a half acre of floor space crowded, scarcely adequate to show the sample lines. Positively the greatest furniture stock ever brought to this city. All reliable makes, selected stock, approved designs, furniture you won't see elsewhere and

## EVERY PIECE PRICED AT A SAVING OF ABOUT ONE-THIRD

Bedroom Suite, three pieces, genuine mahogany, colonial four-post bed, regular price \$105.00.....	\$90.00	Chiffoniers, genuine mahogany, 34 inches wide, with five drawers and oval glass, regular price \$24.00.....	\$19.00	Armchair, mahogany finish, velour covered, full spring seat.....	\$2.75
Brass Bed, heavy posts, seven center spindles, ornamented husks, regular price \$22.00.....	\$17.75	Princess Dresser, genuine mahogany, serpentine front, 46 inches wide, with 24x24 pattern glass, regular price \$40.00.....	\$35.00	Reception Chair, spring seat, velour cushion.....	\$1.75
Brass Bed, continuous post, ornamented husks on center spindles, regular price \$38.00.....	\$34.50	Sideboard, golden oak, highly polished, regular price \$38.00.....	\$32.00	Iron Bed, heavy continuous posts, brass spindles, regular price \$10.00.....	\$7.75
Chiffonier, golden oak, 34 inches wide, with five drawers, 14x24 oval glass, regular price \$22.00.....	\$19.00	Buffet, golden oak, two small and one large drawer with lockers, oval glass top, regular price \$23.00.....	\$19.75	Iron Bed, heavy posts, full brass spindles in foot, regular price \$18.00.....	\$14.75
Gentlemen's Chiffonier, genuine mahogany, with five drawers and oval glass, regular price \$19.00.....	\$16.00	Buffet, genuine mahogany, 54 inches long, with mirror, 14x45, regular price \$48.00.....	\$40.00	Rocker, golden oak, saddle seat, polished, regular price \$3.50.....	\$1.98
Princess Dresser, bird's-eye maple, two small and one large drawer, with 28x33 pattern glass, French legs and claw feet, regular price \$36.00.....	\$30.00	Stand, golden oak finish, 16x16 top.....	49c	Rocker, Antwerp finish, Spanish leather seat, regular price \$8.00.....	\$6.25

## Buy Carpets and Rugs Now--The Gain Is All Yours

Money in bank earns one from 2 to 3 per cent. per year. Money invested in Carpets and Rugs here during this sale earns 33 per cent. Isn't it logical that the floor covering one expects to buy in September or October may be better chosen NOW? These prices will not stay down, they CANNOT remain as they are for every piece of carpet and every rug that we will buy to replace stock sold this month will have to be bought at advanced prices. Our early purchases give you the benefit of these great savings.

50 rolls Imperial Brussels Carpets, with or without borders, worth \$1.00; special.....	69c	50 exclusive styles in Paris Wilton Rugs, 9x12 feet, the very best obtainable and absolutely private to us for the State, the most artistic line we've shown; will sell for \$50.00; housekeepers' sale price.....	\$35.00	30 splendid new patterns in the Imperial grade of Brussels Rugs, 9x12 feet, absolutely the best wearing rug to be had; fall season price will be \$25.00; special housekeepers' sale price.....	\$19.75
25 rolls best all-Wool Ingrain Carpets, worth 75c; special housekeepers' sale.....	58c	50 confined styles in Royal Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet, new and effective Oriental and floral designs, rugs that are worth and will sell at \$35.00 this fall; housekeepers' sale price.....	\$24.75	40 private designs in Persian Wilton Rugs, 9x12 feet, next to the Royal grade for beauty and wearing qualities; will sell at \$30.00; special housekeepers' sale price.....	\$23.50
50 rolls Royal Wilton Velvet Carpets, new fall designs, worth \$1.50; housekeepers' sale.....	\$1.10	25 private designs in Royal Karak Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet, a new fabric, and the very best to be had, mostly Oriental designs; will sell at \$50.00; housekeepers' sale price.....	\$37.50	35 patterns in room size Brussels Rugs, all new fall designs, and will sell at \$20.00; housekeepers' sale price.....	\$11.75
50 rolls Wilton Velvet Carpets, Oriental patterns, with or without borders, worth \$1.35; special.....	98c			40 choice designs in Superior Brussels Rugs, full 9x12 feet, the strongest line we've ever shown, and will sell at \$22 in the fall; special housekeepers' sale price.....	\$15.75
50 rolls Superior Brussels Carpets, best to be had, worth \$1.25; special.....	85c				

## Curtains--Draperies--Third Under Price Wall Paper

A third under price is conservative in this department for there are several items here not a cent over half what the same goods will be in the height of the season. We think our Curtain and Drapery section the very best in the state and with good reason. This sale means that a large proportion of the housekeepers of Indianapolis will visit it and come to our conclusion.

300 pairs \$5.00 and \$6.50 Lace Curtains, Brussels, Irish Point, Tambour and Irish Point, with colored applique see show window; extraordinary values, a pair.....	\$3.89	Comfort Silkaline, yard wide, 10c quality, not remnants, good patterns; housekeepers' sale, a yard.....	64c	30-inch Drapery Silks, plain or fancy colors, 85c quality, all two to three yard lengths; housekeepers' sale, a yard.....	39c
\$7.50 and \$9.50 Lace Curtains, ivory and white Irish Point, Brussels, Duchess, Arabian, colored Soutache and Swiss Point; see window; housekeepers' sale, a pair.....	\$5.00	Simpson's best 15c Silkaline, the new fall styles, highest grade made; housekeepers' sale, a yard.....	10c	Housekeepers' Sale Ruffled Curtains \$2.00 Battenberg trimmed, a pair.....	\$1.39
\$2.00 and \$2.25 Nottingham Curtains, close weaves and dainty patterns, splendid copies of the real lace, twelve choice styles; housekeepers' sale, a pair.....	\$1.50	Calcutta Nets, large square mesh, white Arabian and colors, 50 inches wide, sold everywhere at 50c a yard; housekeepers' sale, a yard.....	35c	125 grade, six styles.....	79c
15c Curtain Muslins, dotted and striped, in white and colors, full yard wide; housekeepers' sale, a yard.....	10c	Panel Laces for front doors, new ideas in white, ivory and fancy colors. Housekeepers' sale—\$1.25 values, a yard.....	85c	75c grade, two-and-a-half-yards long.....	29c
		75c values, a yard.....	50c	Extra strong three-fold Screens, five feet high, eighteen-inch panels, fancy grille tops; housekeepers' sale.....	\$1.98
		50c values, a yard.....	35c	\$2.25 Rope Valances for single doors, two colors, each.....	\$1.10
		35c values, a yard.....	17c	Grenadine Curtains for bedrooms, red, blue and green cross stripes, \$2.00 values; housekeepers' sale, a pair.....	95c

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY—The Indianapolis Store—H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

### TURKISH SPIES.

Their Activity Prevents the Holding of an Armenian Meeting.

Boston Advertiser. No mass meeting of the Armenians to protest against the recent Armenian shooting in this city, against the Kishinev atrocity and other similar wanton sacrifices of human life held in this city Sunday. Most of the newspapers regarded the affair as merely postponed to an indefinite date, but there is an explanation of the whole matter which has not been published. The meeting was indefinitely postponed—because Turkish spies had been tracking the footsteps of the promoters of the meeting, and were prepared not only to report the proceedings in full, but to get the names and Armenian addresses of every Armenian who participated.

It was the expectation of the spies that some violent denunciation of the Sultan would take place and that these denunciations would be laid before the Sultan to influence him still further against the Armenian cause. Professor Tenekjian, who has recently been arrested by the Sultan's emissaries on the charge of conspiring against the Sultan, in other words evidence against the learned professor (which was lacking in Turkey) the Sultan hoped to get from Armenians in this country. To defeat this purpose and prevent the Sultan's spies from obtaining any reports of an Armenian mass meeting in this country, the Armenian mass meeting in this city was indefinitely postponed.

clered that he was a revolutionist it was known at once that he was an emissary of the Sultan. The Sultan's emissaries came to a close and the incident of the spy confirmed the leaders of the mass meeting to the fact that the Sultan was in the city for the protection of their relatives whom they had left behind in Armenia.

This is a free country, but if the Armenians were to hold a mass meeting the Sultan would be provoked to the point of making every name of an Armenian noted. The relatives of that Armenian would have to be thrown into jail and persecuted. They might be thrown into jail and persecuted or poisoned. There would be no discrimination on the ground of sex, age or physical condition. The thought of a mother being insulted, degraded and thrown into a common jail, or of a father being tortured to death, is what makes the Armenians quail, and rather than have his own people exposed to the danger of persecution by the Turkish officials in Armenia, they prefer to let their mass meeting protest wait for a more opportune time.

thousand. Rokitsky must have seen hundreds, if not thousands, of cases of appendicitis, yet the post-mortem reports continued to speak of inflammation of the bowels and general peritonitis, while the actual cause was overlooked. The definition of appendicitis made by the Boston physician on the basis of comparative anatomy has been the cause of saving thousands of precious lives in every corner of the globe.

### FAST DISAPPEARING.

Jewish Ties will be a Thing of the Past Not Long Hence.

Chicago Journal. Dr. Maurice Fishberg, of New York, a well-known anthropologist, contends that in the United States the Jewish face is disappearing, and that, within a few generations, the American Hebrew will be undistinguishable in physiognomy from his gentile neighbor.

As the medical examiner of the United States, Dr. Fishberg has had exceptional opportunities for conducting a physiological investigation. Some of his conclusions are certainly remarkable. For instance, his examination of over 3,000 Jews in New York city has convinced him that there is no foundation for the notion that every Jew possesses a long, hooked nose. As a matter of fact, he has found only 6 per cent. of the hooked noses among Hebrews. Straight noses constitute 86 per cent., broad noses 12 per cent., and what is remarkable is that they cannot be identified through any peculiarity of facial structure. A foreign look is popularly mistaken for a Jewish look.

the United States. It is true, as Dr. Fishberg says, that there is as much physiological difference between the Russian immigrants on the East side of Manhattan borough and the American Hebrew who is suspicious in commercial, professional and public life as there is between the Irishman and the German. Yet, beyond a doubt, the ancestors of the advanced Hebrew of today bore a striking physical resemblance to the Russian Jews who are newcomers in this country.

### SURGERY OF THE HEART.

The Science Has Made Distinct Advances in Recent Years.

American Medicine. The wonderful progress which surgery has made during the past quarter of a century was recently demonstrated in the accident ward of the London Hospital by an additional case of surgery of the heart. A tailor who had been stabbed in the chest with a knife was hastily conveyed to the hospital in a state of complete collapse. As his condition was obviously desperate, the house surgeon on duty determined to examine the wound to the very bottom as the only means of warding off septic complications. If he could succeed in saving the wounded man's life from the immediate consequences of the injury. Accordingly, as the wound was found to be situated over the region of the heart, the portion of the chest wall lying in front of the heart was reflected, when the pericardium was found to have been laid open. On enlarging the wound in this membrane it was found that the bleeding vessels were secured and the wound sutured. The cavity of the pericardium was then cleaned out of the dotted blood, the opening in its membranous wall similarly treated and secured, and lastly the opening in the chest wall was closed with corresponding precautions. Artificial respiration was kept up till normal breathing was fairly well established, and latest reports give a fair hope of recovery. Even

Another campaign of education in the Wall Paper room. Convincing HOUSEKEEPERS that this section sets a pace for all others to follow.

Regular 7c grade of Wall Paper in complete combinations.....	4c
New fall patterns in rich colorings, worth 8c.....	5c
The best grades of Ingrain Papers, medium shades.....	8c
Largest selection of new fall patterns, at.....	9c, 10c, 12c
The newest ideas and designs for parlors and drawing rooms, including embossed silk Rocco and two-toned effects, worth up to 20c 35c and 50c, per roll.....	20c

"Have your work done now and avoid the rush as the season advances. See window display."

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY

H. P. WASSON & COMPANY